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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE VISITS LIBYA

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1. ALGERIAN PRESS AGENCY CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEM AFTER-
NOON MARCH 29. " PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE TRAVELED TODAY
TO LIBYA AT THE HEAD OF AN IMPORTANT DELEGATION
COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION AND
GOVERNMENT. THIS VISIT FALLS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF
PERIODIC MEETINGS BETWEEN CHIEFS OF THE TWO STATES
AND ASSUMES A SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN THIS DELICATE
PHASE IN WHICH THE ARAB NATION IS PASSING AND WHICH
REQUIRES THE COMBINING AND COORDINATION OF POSITIONS."

2. WE DOUBT THAT VISIT IS AS ROUTINE AS IMPLIED. ALGERIAN
LEADERSHIP PROBABLY CONSIDERS
PERIOD FOLLOWING CHANGES IN EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AN
OPPORTUNE TIME TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF TURNING LIBYA
AWAY FROM EGYPT TOWARD GREATER COOPERATION WITH
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